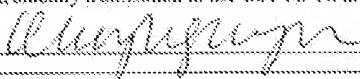


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, for which a response was submitted in the form of a Notice of Appeal on June 28, 2006. Applicant submits a request for 5 months extension thereby extending the time for response to January 29, 2007. Thus, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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